



Talmud Tales – Session 22 – Exposure

BT Ketubot 65a

Homa, the wife of Abayey, came before Rava.

She said to him, “Rule on my alimony.” So he did.

[She said], “Rule on the wine due to me.”

He said to her, “I know Nahmani (*nickname for Abayey*). He wouldn’t serve you wine.”

She said to him, “I swear, my lord, he used to serve me wine in a goblet (*or cups*) this big.”

When she demonstrated [what she meant, by lifting her arm], her arm became exposed. And a great light fell upon the courtroom.

Rava stood up and went home.

He demanded [sex from his wife, the daughter of Rav Hisda]. [Afterward] the daughter of Rav

Hisda said to him, “Who was in the courtroom today?”

He said to her, “Homa, the wife of Abayey.”

She [Rava’s wife] went after her [Home] and beat her with the lock of a chest until she was driven out of Mahoza [the town].

She [Rava’s wife] said to her [Homa], “You killed three men, and now you’ve come to kill another?”